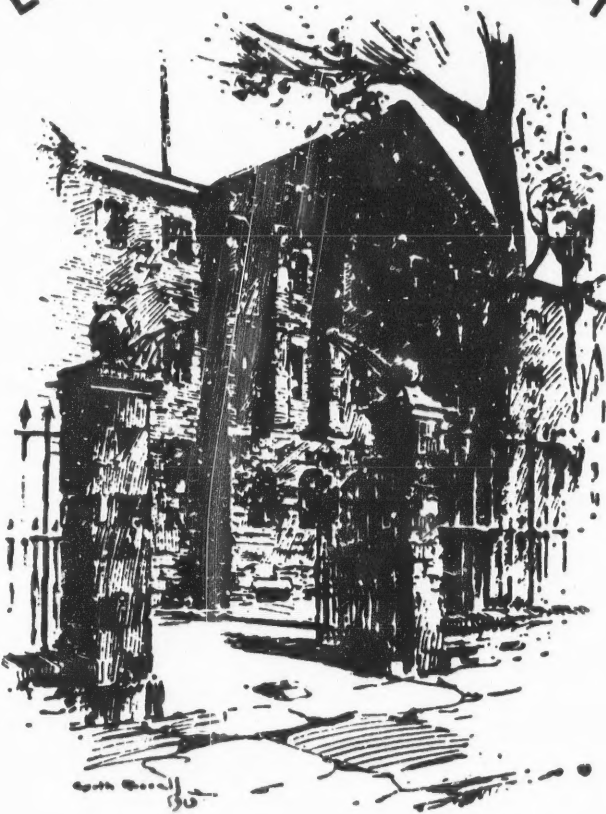


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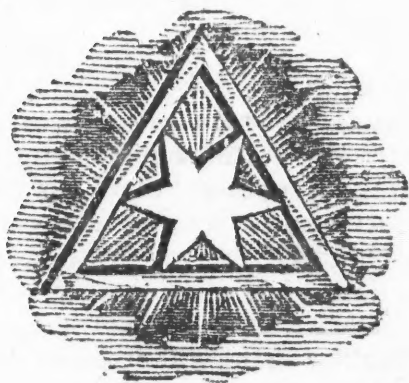
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Extracts from Constitution of Grand Division.

Each Subordinate Division shall, at the first regular meeting in October, annually, ballot separately and with ball ballots, for representatives to the Grand Division,* all W.P's. and P. W.P's. shall be eligible, but such only shall be entitled to seats in the Grand Division (except those holding office in the Grand or National Divisions) as shall receive a majority of the votes cast—the same being set forth in their credentials, as follows.

—Division No. —, S. of T.

—October,—, 18—.

To the Grand Division of the — of —.

This is to certify, that W. P. (or P. W. P., and if more than one, the credentials may be made out together or separately) —, has been duly elected to represent this Division in the Grand Division, until October next.

In witness whereof, we have caused this to be signed by our R. S., and the seal of the Division to be attached.

—, R. S.

Sec. 3.—Subordinate Divisions shall also have power to elevate those brothers to the Grand Division, who reach the W. P's chair during the terms occurring between the annual elections for Representatives, to serve until October following. Such brothers to be ballotted for as prescribed in the preceding Section.

**Resolved,* That no Representative can be elected to Grand Divisions during the intervals between the regular annual elections for Representatives, without a dispensation from the Grand Division except those W. P's who reach the Chair during the Constitutional periods of the year, or P. W. P's adjoining by card.

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CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

WE, whose names are annexed, desirous of forming a Society to shield us from the evils of intemperance, afford mutual assistance in case of sickness, and elevate our characters as men,—do pledge ourselves to be governed by the following Constitution and Bye-Laws.

ARTICLE I.

Name.—This Association shall be known as the DIVISION, No. OF THE
SONS OF TEMPERANCE, of the of

ARTICLE II.

Pledge. *Section 1.*—No Brother shall make, buy, sell, or use as a beverage, any Spirituous or Malt Liquors, Wine or Cider.

Sec. 2.—Owing to the difficulty of determining the exact time when the juice of the apple becomes intoxicating, the National Division deems it expedient to declare the use of Cider as a beverage, whether fermented or unfermented, a violation of the Pledge.

Sec. 3.—A member who makes, buys, or sells spirituous or malt liquors, wine or cider,

as a beverage for another person, even though he may not make any profit thereby, violates the Pledge.*

Sec. 4.—It is hereby declared, that the true intent and meaning of the Pledge is, to prohibit the manufacture, traffic, and use of all alcoholic or intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, whether enumerated by name in the Pledge or not.

Sec. 5.—Sections 3 and 4 of this Article shall not be so construed as to interfere with the agents of the law in the regular discharge of their official duties.

Sec. 6.—A certificate or prescription to use intoxicating liquors as a medicine, signed by a physician, shall not necessarily relieve a brother from trial for violation of Article 2, but the Subordinate Division in the case shall decide on the propriety of trial, and shall be the judge of any wantonness or collusion in the matter.

ARTICLE III.

Officers. *Sec. 1.*—The Officers shall consist of a W. P., W. A., R. S., A. R. S., F. S., T., C., A. C., I. S., and O. S.; all of whom shall be elected by ballot every three months, viz., last regular meetings in September, December, March, and June, and installed the

*No Auctioneer who sells intoxicating liquors as a beverage can be a Son of Temperance, except officers of the Law selling under a compulsory license.

first regular meetings in October, January, April and July.

Sec. 2.—Past Worthy Patriarchs. A P. W. P. is not a constitutional officer, or subject to fine under a general rule or Bye-Law for the fine of officers: nevertheless, Divisions shall have power by special enactments to fine acting P. W. P's for neglect of duty.

ARTICLE IV.

Duties of Officers. Sec. 1.—It shall be the duty of the W. P. to preside in the Division, enforce a due observance of the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and exact a compliance to the Rules and Usages of the Order; to see that all officers perform their respective duties; appoint all committees and officers not otherwise provided for; give the casting vote on all matters before the Division when a tie may occur; inspect and announce the result of all balloting or other votes; direct the R. S. to call special meetings, when application shall be made in writing, by five members of the Division; draw upon the T. for all sums necessary to pay the benefits provided for by the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and other appropriations made by the Division. He shall, on the night he vacates the chair, see that the Quarterly Returns are prepared for the Grand Division, and the percentage appropriated, and forward the same in time for the Quarterly Sessions, certified by him, with the Seal of the Division. He shall perform such

other duties as the Division or his charge shall require of him.

Sec. 2.—It shall be the duty of the W. A. to render the W. P. such assistance as he may require of him, and in the absence of the W. P., the W. A. shall perform his duties.

Sec. 3.—The R. S. shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Division; write communications; notify all subordinate Divisions not more than ten miles from its place of meeting, within four weeks after, of the name, occupation, and residence of every person suspended, rejected, or expelled from this Division. He shall fill up certificates; notify meetings when ordered by the W. P.; attest to all monies ordered to be paid at a regular meeting, and none other. He shall make out at the end of his term, for the Division, a full report of the proceedings during his term; and also the Quarterly Returns to the Grand Division, which shall embrace the number of members initiated, admitted by card, initiated by dispensation, suspended, reinstated, and who have withdrawn, during his term—together with the names and occupations of those suspended, expelled, and rejected, with the dates, and causes of expulsion, the number who violate the Pledge, how many sign over, and how many violate it the second time, the number of deaths, and the whole number of actual contributing members—the amount of receipts for initiation fees and dues,

with the per centage due the Grand Division—the amount expended for benefits, with the amount on hand—and, with the W. P., certify to the same. He shall perform, such other duties as may be required of him by the Division or his charge; and deliver up to his successor, within one week, from the expiration of his term, all books, papers, or other property in his possession, belonging to his office.

Sec. 4.—The A. R. S. shall be an aid to the R. S., under whose direction he shall act. He shall render such assistance to the R. S. in the performance of his duties, as he or the Division may require of him.

Sec. 5.—It shall be the duty of the F. S. to keep just and true accounts between the Division and its members; credit the amounts paid, and pay the same over to the T. immediately, taking his receipt. When a member is one year in arrears for dues, it shall be the duty of the F. S. to prefer a charge to that effect to the Division, which shall be referred to a committee of five for investigation. He shall, just previous to the close of his term, notify every member who is two months or more in arrears, of the amount due by him to the Division, adding 7½d. to each notice. At the end of his term, he shall make out for the Division, a full report; and furnish the R. S. with the amount of receipts for initiation fees and dues during his term, with any other information connec-

ted with his office, necessary to enable the R. S. to prepare correct returns for the Grand Division. He shall perform such other duties as the Division or his charge shall require of him. He shall deliver up to his successor all matters appertaining to his office, in his possession.

Sec. 6.—It shall be the duty of the T. to pay all orders drawn on him by the W. P., attested by the R. S., and none others. He shall receive all moneys of the Division, and hold the same until the expiration of his term, unless otherwise ordered by the Division. He shall keep a full and correct account of all moneys received and expended. He shall give the Division a monthly statement of the funds; and deliver up, when legally called upon, all moneys, books, papers, and other property of the Division, to his successor in office, or to whom the Division may specially appoint. He shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Division or his charge.

Sec. 7.—It shall be the duty of the C. to introduce for initiation, persons who have been previously elected. He shall also introduce visitors, and furnish them with suitable regalia. He shall, with the aid of the A. C., examine those present at the opening of the Division. He shall see that the officers' regalia are in their proper places at the opening of the Division, and take charge of the same at the close. He shall have charge of such proper-

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Sec. 8.—It shall be the duty of the A. C. to render such services as the C. or Division may require of him.

Sec. 9.—It shall be the duty of the I. S. to attend the door—to admit none but members of the Order, and candidates for initiation.

Sec. 10.—The O. S. shall guard the door outside, and keep off intruders.

Forfeitures of Honors. *Sec. 1.*—A member who is expelled, or who forfeits his membership by non-payment of dues, shall forfeit all honors.

Sec. 2.—The seat of any officer may be declared vacant for neglect of duty for three successive meetings, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, after one week's previous notice has been given.

Entitled to Honors. *Sec. 1.*—A brother who fills the office of W. P. or W. A. during either of the three first terms of a new Division, shall be as much entitled to the honors, as though he had previously served in subordinate stations, and shall be eligible to either the chair of W. P. and W. A. after he has passed the same.

Sec. 2.—A brother who renders constitutional service in one Division, and then withdraws and unites with another, shall be enti-

tioned to the honors the same as though he had not withdrawn.

ARTICLE V.

Eligibility for Membership. *Sec. 1.*—No person shall be initiated into this Division under eighteen years of age, nor for a less sum than ten shillings.

Sec. 2.—No person shall be admitted into this Division who does not possess a good moral character, or who is in any way incapacitated from earning a livelihood, or who has no visible means of support. Provided that, persons of old age, or under disability or disease, may be admitted, but remain in the position of members not entitled to benefits.

Sec. 3.—The name of a person offered for membership must be proposed by a member in writing, stating age, residence, and business, which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall report in writing at a succeeding meeting, when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if not more than *four* black balls appear against him, he shall be declared elected; but if five or more black balls appear, he shall be rejected, and so declared. No person so rejected shall be again proposed in any Division of the Order under six months.

Sec. 4.—A proposition for membership shall not be withdrawn after it has been refer-

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Sec. 5.—A vote of rejection may be reconsidered within three meetings, exclusive of the meeting at which the vote was taken. But a vote that has resulted in an election, shall not be reconsidered.

Sec. 6.—The name of a candidate or brother constitutionally suspended, rejected or expelled, shall not be published in any other manner than the usual notice to the Divisions.

Sec. 7.—Any brother applying for membership by deposit of card, shall be subject to the same ballot as a new applicant.

Proposition for Membership. *Sec. 1.*—Propositions for membership may be received at special meetings.

Sec. 2.—Any action of a Division in reference to an individual proposed for membership without his consent, is invalid.

Sec. 3.—When an individual has been proposed for membership to a Division with his consent, he cannot while his name is before it, and previous to election or rejection, be proposed in any other Division.

Honorary Members. No subordinate Division shall admit a person as an honorary member.

ARTICLE VI.

Contributions and Benefits. *Sec. 1.*—The regular dues to this Division shall not be less than three pence per week.

Sec. 2.—Every *bona fide* member who shall be qualified, as required by the Constitution and Bye-laws of this Division, shall in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to, and receive weekly, not less than five shillings; except it be shown that such sickness or disability be brought on by his own improper conduct; nevertheless the Division may suspend benefits by a two-third vote of the members present at a regular meeting, after two weeks previous notice of such action.

Sec. 3.—No brother residing within five miles of the Division of which he is a member, shall be entitled to benefits for more than one week previous to his case being reported to such Division.—No benefits shall be granted for a less time than one week. All arrears, either for dues or fines, shall in every case be deducted from the first payment.

Sec. 4.—In case of the death of a brother entitled to benefits, a sum of not less than fifteen dollars shall be appropriated as a funeral benefit. The W. P. in the absence of competent relations or friends, shall take charge of the funeral, and keep an account of the disbursements.

Sec. 5.—On the death of the wife of a brother, beneficial, he shall be entitled to the sum of not less than ten dollars as a funeral benefit.

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Offence. *Sec. 1.*—Any member who shall offend against these Articles, or the Bye-Laws shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting, may determine.

Sec. 2.—Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension, or expulsion; but no member shall be put on trial, unless charges, duly specifying his offence, be submitted in writing by a member of the Division.

Sec. 3.—When charges have been preferred against a brother in a proper manner, or any matters of grievance between brothers are brought before the Division, they shall be referred to a special committee of five members, who shall with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, examine and determine the matter in question; and if their decision does not involve the suspension or expulsion of a member, and no appeal be taken from it to the Division, it shall be final, without other action.—Should the committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, they shall submit a motion for the purpose to the Division for action.

Sec. 4.—When a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a member shall have been submitted in due form, it shall be announced at one regular meeting previous to action be-

ing taken; and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance at the Division, at the time when it may have been determined to consider the question—at which time, whether the implicated member be present or not, the Division may proceed to consider and determine it. Two-thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried; but the Division shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.

Sec 5.—When the decision of a committee appointed under Sec. 3 of this Article, otherwise final, shall not be satisfactory to all parties, either of those interested, shall have the privilege of an appeal to the Division—and at the time appointed for trying the appeal, the Committee shall present to the Division, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded; and the parties shall have the privilege of being heard before the Division—and the Division shall determine the correctness of the decision of the Committee by a majority of the votes present.

Sec 6.—Any member having been expelled, shall not be proposed for membership under six months from the date of expulsion.

Sec. 7.—The provisions of this Article shall not extend to violations of Article 2.

Witnesses on Charges. Other than Sons of Temperance are competent witnesses on a trial.

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ARTICLE VIII.

Terms. Regular Quarterly Terms shall commence on the first of October, January, April, and July. Officers elected previous to the expiration of half the Term, shall be entitled to the full honors of the Term; those elected after half the Term has expired shall not count the honors, except where they may be elected to fill vacancies occasioned by resignation, suspension, expulsion, or death, in which case the brother who serves the residue of the Term shall be entitled to the full honors, and he who resigns, or is suspended, or expelled, shall forfeit his claim.

ARTICLE IX.

Eligibility for Chief Offices. *Sec. 1.*—After a Division has been instituted three Terms, no brother shall be eligible to the office of W. P., unless he has served a regular Quarterly Term as W. A.; nor shall any brother be eligible to the office of W. A., unless he has served two Terms in a subordinate office or offices, or as Chaplain.

Sec. 2.—No brother shall be eligible to the office of W. P., W. A., or T., who is under twenty-one years of age.

Division without Members qualified to take Office. A Division having no Members constitutionally qualified, or willing, to accept the office of W. P., shall be taken in charge by the G. W. P. or his deputy, who shall preside over the same until such time as there may be found a bro-

ther properly qualified and willing to take the office.

ARTICLE X.

Violating Article II. *Sec. 1.*—Any member who knows a brother to have violated Article 2, and neglects to prefer the charge and specify the offence to the Division within three weeks after the violation shall have come to his knowledge, shall be fined five shillings.

Sec. 2.—The charge for violation of Article 2, shall be presented in writing, duly signed, when it shall be referred to a committee of five members, who shall as soon as practicable, summon the parties, and investigate the matter.

Sec. 3.—The committee shall organize by appointing a chairman and secretary. The secretary shall make a correct record of the proceedings, with such testimony as may be presented, which record shall be produced to the Division on the call of any member, after the committee have reported.

Sec. 4.—If the committee agree that the charge is sustained, they shall report the fact to the Division, by resolution, with a second resolution to the effect that the brother be reinstated or expelled, as the case may be— which report and resolution shall lie upon the table at least one week, and the offending brother shall be notified of the character of the resolutions, by the R. S., and requested to be present at the time appointed for considering

the same, with a view of giving him an opportunity to make a defence.

Sec. 5.—If the committee agree that the charge is not sustained, they shall report a resolution to that effect, and if the resolution be adopted, the charge shall be dismissed.

Sec. 6.—When the committee report the charge sustained, and a majority of the members present at a regular meeting ballot in favor thereof, the offending person shall forfeit his membership, and the W. P. shall direct his name to be erased from the Constitution. If a majority of the Division vote in opposition to the resolution, all future proceedings shall be stayed, subject to appeal.

Sec. 7.—If two-thirds of those voting are in favor of reinstating a member who has been found guilty of violating Article 2, he shall be restored to membership by re-signing the Constitution, and paying, for the first offence, five shillings, and for the second offence, ten shillings, which shall be paid to the F. S. by the meeting succeeding the vote, or the member to stand suspended until the fine is paid. The power to reinstate, however, shall not extend over the term of one month from the time the offence was proven.

Sec. 8.—When the Division vote in favor of reinstatement, and the member neglects to come forward to sign the Constitution for one

month thereafter, he may be declared expelled by a two-third vote.

Sec. 9.—If a Division refuse to reinstate the member, he shall be declared expelled by the W. P., and the R. S. shall give the usual notice.

Sec. 10.—A member convicted of violation of the Pledge, after the second time, can be reinstated by a two-third vote of the Division, the Division prescribing the penalty.

Sec. 11.—If a brother come forward and acknowledge that he has violated Article 2, (except it be the third offence), the Division after erasure of name, &c., may at their option reinstate him on the same evening, if two-thirds of the members voting are in favor thereof.

Sec. 12.—An officer or representative to the Grand Division violating Article 2, shall not be able to fill any official position for twelve months from the time he is reinstated.

Sec. 13.—A member expelled under this Article shall not be eligible for membership under six months thereafter.

Sec. 14. A brother who has violated Article 2, and is reinstated, shall be admitted without any further ceremony than re-signing the Constitution, which shall be done in open Division.

Sec. 15.—Erasure of name for violating Article 2, as per Article 10, Sec. 6, is not expul-

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ARTICLE XI.

No alteration or addition shall be made to this Constitution, unless by two-thirds vote of the National Division.

REVISED RULES.

Sec. 1.—Subordinate Divisions.—The regalia for a Subordinate Division shall be a white linen collar, with rosette of red, white and blue, with two white tassels suspended from rosette—the whole made in accordance with the pattern approved by the National Division.

Sec. 2.—To distinguish the officers, the following emblems shall be added to the left side of the regalia.

W. P.—Cross mallets.

W. A.—Miniature regalia.

R. S.—Cross pens and scroll.

A. R. S.—Single pen.

F. S.—Cross pens.

T.—Cross keys.

C.—Cross wands,

A. C.—Goblet.

I. S.—Cross swords.

O. S.—An eye.

Acting P. W. P.—Six pointed star, three inches from point to point.

CHAPLAIN.—Open book.

These emblems shall be made of silver, and placed upon a ground of red velvet, surrounded with silver cord and blue ribbon. In addition, the C., A. C., I. S., and O. S., shall each be provided with a suitable wand.

Sec. 3.—A member of the National Division shall be entitled to wear the blue, red or white, and a member of a Grand Division shall be entitled to wear the red or white regalia, in a Subordinate Division, at his option, except he be in office, or acting as P. W. P. The officers, and the acting P. W. P. shall wear the white, that being the distinctive color for Subordinate Divisions.

Sec. 4.—**Funeral Regalia.**—At funerals it shall be optional with Divisions to wear the regalia or not. Each member shall wear crape on the left arm.

Sec. 5.—**Regalia for Marshals.**—A Most Worshipful Marshal and Aids, and a Grand Marshal and Aids shall wear scarfs in addition to the regular regalia, over the right shoulder, the colors of which shall correspond with the positions they have respectively attained in the Order—that is to say, a National Division member shall wear blue, a Grand Division member red, and a Subordinate Division member white. A Marshal of a Subordinate Division shall be designated by an additional rosette worn on the left side of the regalia.

Processions and Funerals.—Each Subordinate Division shall appoint two Marshals, and it shall be their duty to see the Division properly formed, “and in case of a general procession” to co-operate with the Grand Marshal in carrying out the arrangements laid down.

A Grand Division shall take place on the right of its Subordinates. Subordinates shall take place according to number, No. 1 taking precedence.

Sec. 6.—Subordinate Divisions shall form as follows:

I. S. with staff.

Banner.

C. with staff—W. P.—A. C. with staff.

W. A.—Chaplain.—Acting P. W. P.

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O. S. with staff.

Sec. 7.—At State celebrations the Grand Marshal of the State in which the celebration takes place shall direct the arrangements.

Sec. 8.—At funerals, the Division shall march in reversed order, with the exception of the banner, which shall always go in front. The Division shall march in advance of the corpse, and on arriving at the ground, open right and left, and remain uncovered while the body and friends pass through.

Non-Payment of Dues.—**Sec. 1**—If a member neglect to pay his dues for one year, his membership may be declared forfeited by a two-third vote of the Division.

Sec. 2.—When a member is one year in arrears for dues, it shall become the duty of the F. S. to prefer a charge to that effect to the Division, which shall be referred to a Committee of five for investigation.

Sec. 3.—A person who forfeits his membership under this Article, shall only be re-admitted into the Order as a new member, by ballot and initiation—and such person shall not be eligible for admission until the expiration of six months after the time his membership is declared forfeited.

Sec. 4.—A member suspended for the period of six months, or longer, for non-payment of dues, may be admitted on the same terms as a new member, that is, by paying the usual initiation fee, but without ballot and initiation.

Travelling, withdrawal and Clearance Cards.

—Sec. 1.—The Travelling and withdrawal card issued by the National Division, shall be the only one recognized under this jurisdiction. They shall be furnished at the rate of four dollars per hundred.

Sec. 2.—Said card must have the signature of the M. W. Scribe of the National Division on the upper border, the seal of the Grand Division on the left lower corner, with the signature of the Grand Scribe on the lower border; the seal of the Subordinate Division on the right lower corner, with the signatures of the W. P. and R. S. between the seals; and the signature of the brother to whom the card is granted on the right border. If the card be granted by a Division existing in a State or Territory having no Grand Division, the Card shall be valid without the seal of a Grand Division, or Signature of a Grand Scribe.

Sec. 3.—A *Travelling card* shall not be granted for a longer time than one year, and it shall be of no effect after the expiration of the time for which it is granted. Before a brother is entitled to a Travelling card, he must pay his dues in advance for the full time such card is desired, and not less than ten cents for the card.

Sec. 4.—A brother before making application for a *Withdrawal card*, shall pay all dues and demands which may be against him on the books of the Division, and not less than ten cents for the card.

Sec. 5.—A Withdrawal Card retained by a brother for more than one year after the expiration of its date shall be null and void.

Sec. 6.—A Division shall have jurisdiction over the conduct of a brother to whom it has granted a withdrawal card, until such member shall have

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been elected to another Division, or until such card shall have become null and void by the expiration of its date.

Sec. 7.—A person whose withdrawal card has become null and void, shall only be admitted to the Order as a new member—that is to say, by ballot and initiation.

Sec. 8.—If a Subordinate Division surrenders or forfeits its charter, or is suspended, the Grand Division having jurisdiction, shall have the right to grant a clearance card to each of the members of said Division making written application for the same, who may be deemed worthy by said Grand Division.

Sec. 9.—A Clearance Card shall be regarded in the same manner as a Withdrawal Card. It shall be in the following words:—

GRAND DIVISION OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE
OF —————.

Love, Purity, and Fidelity.

Whereas, —————, whose signature appears on the right margin hereof, was a member of the late ————— Division, No. —, of —, (“which has been suspended,” or “whose charter has been surrendered” or “forfeited,” as may be,) and is recognized as a worthy brother;—this is to make known that we have granted him this *Clearance Card*, which is to be received in the same manner as a Withdrawal Card from a Subordinate Division in regular standing, in accordance with Article 7, Sections 8 and 9 of the Revised Rules of the National Division.

In testimony whereof, we have caused this to be signed by our G. W. P. and G. Scribe, and the seal of the Grand Division to be annexed, in the—of—this—day of—18—.

[SEAL]

—————, G. W. P.

—————, G. S.

Sec. 10.—If a member in possession of a clearance card, shall violate art. 2, Constitution of Subordinates, or any other of our laws, a charge shall be made to the G. W. P., or his Deputy; in whose

jurisdiction the offence shall have been committed, who shall transfer the same to a Subordinate Division in the vicinity of the offending brother for trial in the usual way.

Resignation.—*Sec. 1.*—Should a member wish to dissolve his connection with the Order, he shall pay all demands against him on the books of the Division, and tender a written resignation shall lay upon the table one week, when it is still desired, it shall be granted, unless there be a charge pending against him, or in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, he has been guilty of conduct which renders him liable to a charge; provided, however, that such resignation shall not take effect until the expiration of the quarter in which such resignation is tendered.

Sec. 2.—A member whose resignation has been accepted shall forfeit all claims whatever upon the Order. Nevertheless he shall be eligible to be re-admitted by the usual ballot, at any time thereafter. If re-admitted within three months from date of resignation, he shall be restored by paying the initiation fee and re-signing the Constitution—otherwise he must stand as a new member, and be again initiated.

Visiting Brothers.—*Sec. 1.*—Visiting brothers shall only be admitted by the quarterly pass word and explanation, or the travelling pass word and explanation and the travelling card, except vouchered for by the G. W. P. or his deputy, according to the B. B.

Sec. 2.—In order to facilitate visiting, it shall be proper to admit a brother to a Division during the months of October and November on the travelling pass word and explanation of the previous year, providing his travelling card has not expired.

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Sec. 3.—A Division shall not have the right to refuse admission to a Son of Temperance who is able to work his way according to the rules laid down, unless it be known that he has lost his membership, or been admitted irregularly.

Giving Pass Words to Travelling Brothers.—

Sec. 1.—A. W. P. shall be authorised to communicate the travelling pass word and explanation to a travelling brother, when requested so to do by the W. P. of the Division to which said travelling brother belongs, in writing, over the seal of said Division.

Sec. 2.—It shall be the duty of the W. P., before communicating the travelling pass words, under the preceding section, to see that the travelling card has not run out of date; and also to satisfy himself that the person making the application is truly a Son of Temperance, and the brother represented.

Charter Members.—**Sec. 1.**—If an applicant for a charter fail to present himself for initiation within three months after the organization of a Subordinate Division, his name shall be erased from the charter, and the first name signed to the Constitution, after the charter members, shall be inserted in place thereof. Should more than one fail to appear, their names shall be erased, and a corresponding number added from the constitution, in the order as they signed it.

Sec. 2.—The name of a regular admitted charter member shall not be erased from the charter, even should he be expelled, suspended, or otherwise deprived of membership.

Sec. 3.—At the opening of a new Division, the officiating brother shall be authorized to add to the

number of the charter members, at the request of the applicants, returning the names so added in his report.

Surrender of Charter.—*Sec. 1.*—A proposition to surrender a charter shall lie upon the table at least two weeks before being acted on.

Sec. 2.—A charter shall not be surrendered so long as ten members who have paid up their weekly dues, express a willingness to fill the offices and sustain the Division.

Communications from Subordinate Divisions.

—*Sec. 1.*—Appeals, protests and other communications from a Subordinate Division to the National Division, must pass through its Grand Division.

Sec. 2.—Members of Subordinate Divisions have the right of appeal to Grand Divisions and through Grand Divisions to the National Division.

Members of Grand Divisions have the right of appeal to the National Division.

All decisions of the acting body are to be and remain in force until reversed by the superior body.

All rules inconsistent with the revised rules are repealed.

ORDER OF BUSINESS SUGGESTED.

1. Opening Division.
2. Roll of officers called.
3. Services of Chaplain.
4. Reading Minutes.
5. Reception of Communications.
6. Reports of Investigating Committees.
7. Balloting for Candidates.
8. Initiation of Candidates.
9. Question—Are any of the brethern sick?
10. Question—Has any brother violated his pledge?

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11. Question—Has any Brother a friend to propose as a proper person to become a Son of Temperance?
12. Reports of Visiting Committees.
13. Reports of Standing Committees.
14. Reports of Special Committees.
15. Election of Officers.
16. New business.
17. Adjournment.

RULES OF ORDER.

The following Rules of Order are hereby recommended to the consideration of Divisions.

Duties and Privilege of W. P. *Rule 1.*—It shall be the duty of the W. P. to preserve order, and to endeavour to conduct all business before the Division to a speedy and proper result.

Rule 2.—He shall state every question properly presented to the Division; and, before putting it to vote, shall ask, "Is the Division ready for the question?" Should no member offer to speak, he shall rise to put it, and after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it.

Rule 3.—The W. P. shall have a casting vote in case of a tie, but in ordinary shall not vote. He shall announce all votes and decisions. His decisions on points of order shall not be debateble, unless entertaining doubts on the subject, he invite discussion.

Rule 4.—He may speak to points of order, in preference to other members of the Division, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Division by any two members which appeal shall always be in writing. On such an appeal no brother shall speak more than once.

Rule 5.—When an appeal is made from the di-

cision of the W. P., he shall put the question thus—Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?

Rule 6.—It shall be the duty of the presiding officer, and the privilege of any member of the Division to call a member to order who violates an established Rule of Order.

Motions. **Rule 7.**—A motion must be seconded, and afterwards repeated from the chair, or read aloud before it is debated. A motion must be reduced to writing, if any brother require it.

Rule 8.—All *resolutions* shall be submitted in writing.

Rule 9.—Any brother having made a motion may withdraw it, with leave of his second, before it is debated, but not afterwards without leave of the Division.

Rule 10.—A motion to amend an amendment, shall be in order, but to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be entertained.

Rule 11.—An amendment destroying, or altering the intention of a motion shall be in order; but an amendment relating to a different subject shall not be in order.

Rule 12.—On an amendment to “strike out and insert,” the paragraph to be amended shall first be read as it stands, then the words proposed to be struck out and those to be inserted, and finally the paragraph as it would stand if so amended.

Rule 13.—On the call for a division of the question the majority shall decide. The call can only be granted when the division called for will leave distinct and entire propositions.

Debate. **Rule 14.**—When a member speaks, or offers a motion, he shall rise in his place, and respectfully addressing the W. P., confine himself

to the question under consideration, and avoid personality, or unbecoming language.

Rule 15.—When a member is called to order, he shall take his seat until the point is determined.

Rule 16.—When two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

Rule 17.—No brother shall speak more than twice, nor longer than five minutes each time, on any question, without leave of the Division, which leave shall be granted or refused without debate.

Rule 18.—While a brother is speaking, no one shall interrupt him, except for the purpose of calling him to order, or asking of the presiding officer leave to explain or to call the previous question. A brother allowed "to explain," shall only have the right to explain an actual misunderstanding of language, and shall be strictly prohibited from going into debate on the merits of the case.

Rule 19.—For any brother in speaking to impeach the motives of a fellow member, or treat him with personal disrespect, or pass between him and the chair while he is speaking, shall be deemed a violation of order, which may incur the censure of the presiding officer, or of the Division.

Rule 20.—If any brother shall deem himself personally aggrieved by a decision of the chair, he may appeal from said decision.

Rule 21.—Any conversation, by whispering or otherwise, which is calculated to disturb a brother while speaking, or hinder the transaction of business, shall be deemed a violation of order, and if persisted in shall incur censure.

Privileged Questions. *Rule 22.*—When a question is before the Division, the only motions in

order shall be, 1st, to adjourn; 2d, the previous question; 3d, to lay on the table; 4th to postpone indefinitely; 5th, to postpone to a definite period; 6th, to refer; 7th, to divide, if the sense will admit of it; or, 8th, to amend—to take precedence as herein arranged, and the first three to be decided without debate.

Rule 23.—When the previous question is moved and seconded, it shall be put in this form; "Shall the main question be now put?" If this is carried, all further motions, amendments, and debate shall be excluded, and the question be put without delay. If the question has been amended, the question shall be taken on the amendment first. If more than one amendment has been made, the last made amendment in order shall take precedence in the vote. It shall not be in order to reconsider the agreement to take the "previous question."

Rule 24.—When a motion is postponed indefinitely, it shall not come up again during the session.

Adjournment. **Rule 25.**—A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except—1st, when a member is in possession of the floor; 2d, while the yeas or nays are being called; 3d, when the members are voting; 4th, when adjournment was the last preceding motion; or, 5th, when it has been decided that the previous question shall be taken.

Rule 26.—A motion to adjourn simply, cannot be amended, but a motion to adjourn to a given time may be, and is open to debate.

Questions not Debateable. **Rule 27.**—1. A motion to adjourn, when to adjourn simply. 2. A motion to lie on the table when claiming privilege over another motion. 3. A motion for the pre-

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vious question. 4. A motion to re-consider. 5. A motion to read a paper. 6. A motion to take up particular items of business. 7. Questions of order whilst the previous question is pending. 8. Questions of order when not appealed from the decision of the W. P. or not submitted by him to the Division.

Reading of Papers.—*Rule 28.*—The reading of any paper called for relating to the subject under debate, shall always be in order.

Taking the Vote. *Rule 29.*—When the presiding officer has commenced taking a vote, no further debate or remark shall be admitted, unless a mistake has been made; in which case the mistake shall be rectified, and the presiding officer shall recommence taking the vote.

Rule 30.—When the decision of any question is doubted, the presiding officer shall direct the Conductor to count the votes in the affirmative and negative, and report the same to him.

Rule 31.—The yeas and nays upon any question before the Division may be called for by two members, and upon the assent of one-third of the members present, shall be so taken. They may be called for at any time before a peremptory decision of the vote by the chair.

Rule 32.—In taking the yeas and nays, the R. S. shall call the roll and record the yeas and nays; after the roll is called the result shall be read aloud to rectify mistakes, if any, after which the R. S. shall hand the vote to the W. P. who shall announce the same.

Rule 33.—In voting by yeas and nays, all present in regular standing in the Division must vote, unless excused by the Division, but no mem-

ber shall vote who was not in the room at the time the question was put. A motion to excuse shall be decided without debate.

Filling Blanks. *Rule 31.*—When any blank is to be filled, by the names of persons, a vote shall be taken on the names in the order of their nomination; but when a blank is to be filled by any sum of money or time proposed, the question shall be first put on the largest sum and the most remote time.

Re-Consideration and Repeal. *Rule 35.*—A motion to re-consider must be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority, except in the case of a rejection of a candidate by the black balls, when it shall be competent to any members to move and second a re-consideration. No question shall be re-considered more than once; nor shall a vote to re-consider be re-considered. To re-consider any resolution, &c., the decision of which has *officially* passed out of the Division, shall not be in order.

Rule 37.—A motion to repeal or rescind a resolution shall be offered in writing, and announced at a regular session one week before action shall be taken on the same, and shall only be in order when the motion to re-consider is no longer available.

Committees and their Reports. *Rule 38.*—The brother first named in the appointment of a committee shall be chairman of the same, and shall call the committee together at such time and place as he may elect; but when thus convened, any committee may elect its own chairman and scribe.

Rule 39.—All reports of committees, except reports of progress, shall be made in writing, and signed by a majority.

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Rule 40.—When a majority report is followed by a report from the minority of a committee, the former after being read, shall lie upon the table until the latter is presented; after which on motion, either may be considered.

Rule 41.—When a report has been read, it shall be considered as properly before the Division without a motion to accept.

FRED. A. FICKARDT, M. W. S.

FUNERAL CEREMONY.

The presiding officer of a Division, having received notice of the death of a Son of Temperance within the jurisdiction of his Division, and the time and place of interment, will, with the consent of the family or friends of the deceased, cause the Division to be convened for the necessary arrangements. The presiding officer of the Division of which the deceased was a member, may invite as many Divisions to unite in the ceremony as he thinks proper; but the whole must be under his direction—unless he chooses to delegate it to another. He may call upon any grave and worthy brother to perform the services for him. In case the deceased was not a member of any of the attending Divisions, the ceremonies are to be conducted by the presiding officer of the oldest Division, unless he waive his right, or unless the G. W. P. or a D. G. W. P. or some P. G. W. P. be present—any of whom may perform the ceremony.

Uniformity of dress should be observed, if convenient. Black clothing and black gloves would be most appropriate, with the proper badge of mourning, which is hereby declared, to be the usual badge of the Order, with the rosette embossed or laid in crape.

When the brethren have assembled at the Division

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Room, the Division will be opened and the presiding officer will state the object of the meeting, and appoint Marshals to conduct the procession. After these preliminary arrangements are made, a procession will be formed and march to the residence of the deceased. The different divisions, when there are more than one, will take rank according to age—except that the Division of which the deceased was a Member, or the one which has charge of the ceremony, will walk nearest to the body of the dead.

The ceremony may be performed either all of it at the residence of the deceased, or all of it at the grave; or part of it at the house, and part of it at the grave. If the ceremony be performed partly at the house and partly at the grave, the following Scripture and responses will be recited at the house.

The Presiding Officer of the Division, or under his direction the Chaplain shall say—

W. P., or Chaplain. "What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?"

Response by the Brethren. "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also like a shadow and continueth not."

Chaplain. "Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of a hireling?"

Response. "Our days on earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding."

Chaplain. "If a man die, shall he live again?"

Response. "I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord; "he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Chaplain. "What is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away."

Reison. "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Chaplain. "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away."

Response. "Blessed be the name of the Lord."

[Here the body of the deceased will be received into the procession and borne to the grave, at the head of which the Chaplain or person conducting the ceremony, will take his stand and say—]

BROTHERS,—It hath pleased the great Disposer of events to remove one of our Fraternity from the stage of his earthly being, by the solemn and impressive Providence of death. The places that knew him shall know him no more. We shall miss him henceforth from the circles of our fellowship and the walks of our daily life. Under this bereavement our hearts are stricken with a common grief. We mourn this day the absence of a brother fallen asleep in the slumbers of the grave.

But while we thus sorrow, it becomes us to bow in submission to that sovereign hand that has made this breach in our ranks—to acknowledge our own frailty and dependence, and to entreat for ourselves timely preparation for death and eternity. We are affectingly reminded, by this new instance of mortality, that we are all alike journeying to that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns," and shall, one by one, lie down in the narrow house appointed for all the living. Let each of us suffer this privation of Providence, and lay the lesson solemnly to heart.

[Here, if the ceremony be performed at the grave, the body will be deposited in its resting place.]

The mortal remains of our brother we commit to the ground—his spirit to God who gave it. Whatsoever in him was lovely and of good repute we give to the safe keeping of faithful memory—his errors we consign to the embrace of oblivion. To the kindred and friends who share with us in this afflictive event we would tender the assurance of our most cordial

sympathy, and in obedience to that old principle of our Order which bids us "weep with them that weep," would mingle our tears with theirs, in this hour of mourning.

Let us pray

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or even thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

May it please thee to bestow upon us the gift of thy grace, that we may be comforted in this our sorrow, suitably affected by this impressive admonition of the shortness and uncertainty of life, and quickened in every good word and work as we see how surely "the night cometh."

We beseech thee to sustain and console the hearts made desolate by this bereavement. The Lord bless them and keep them. The Lord make his face to shine upon them and be gracious unto them. The Lord lift up his countenance and give them peace.

Help thy servants before thee so to act their part and fulfil their calling on earth as through thy grace to be accepted of thee continually, and after this life to attain to immortal felicity in thy heavenly kingdom—through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Over this beloved dust, soon to mingle with the common earth, we speak our last adieu to the departed—Brother, farewell!

[The procession moves past the grave, and each couple, as they pass, repeat the salutation—"Brother, farewell!"]



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